

5. His work on the cross provided eternal salvation for all mankind. This victory duplicated the decision of the elect angels in eternity past.
6. Thus, the First Advent was the time when Jesus was made lower than the angels, but His resurrection, ascension, and session was His strategic victory making Him higher than the angels:

Ephesians 1:22 And God has subordinated all angels under Jesus' footstool and appointed Him absolute Sovereign over and above all with reference to the church. (EXT)

The Church Age: The Tactical Victory:

1. This dispensation produced the tactical victory for the Prosecution. Jesus Christ has just ascended into heaven and within a few days the dispensation of the Church began the process of calling out the Royal Family of God.
2. Jesus Christ is royalty in resurrection body. He is seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. However, the Lord is not only undiminished deity but also true humanity.
3. In His true humanity, there is no one to ultimately accompany Him in eternity. The dispensation of the church was inserted for the purpose of forming a royal family of God to accompany the Lord for all eternity.
4. Quite a number of titles for this royal family are mentioned in Scripture, characterized as figures of the Church: **(1)** The Shepherd and the Sheep [John 10: 1–15], **(2)** The Vine and the Branches [John 15:5], **(3)** The Cornerstone and the Stones of the Building [1 Peter 2:4–5], **(4)** The High Priest and the Kingdom of Priests [Hebrews 9:11–12], and **(5)** The Head and the Body of the church with Its Many Members (Ephesians 4:15–16).
5. It is from the Body of Christ, the church, that the Prosecution's rebuttal argument is executed. It is this body of mature believers that wins the victory over Luciferian propaganda that indoctrinates lost unbelievers and loser believers.
6. This argument in the appeal by the Prosecution continues until the dispensation of the Church is terminated by the Rapture.



The Rebuttal Argument by the Defense: The Tribulation:

1. Post Rapture of the church, Satan begins his rebuttal argument with the only ordinance he has left to deploy which is violence.
2. This strategy is intensified throughout the Church Age. The presence of the Church, meaning those during the dispensation, have advanced to spiritual maturity. It is the unique power that is designed to counter the Dark Side's agenda.
3. The dispensation of the Church is unique in the sense that it is a mystery dispensation that was never mentioned prophetically anywhere in the dispensations of Gentiles or of Israel.
4. This coup d'état is the insertion into human history of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whose humanity was mentioned numerous times in the Old Testament. Among the first is the passage below in which Messiah is referred to as Shiloh in:

Genesis 49:10 The scepter [symbol of rulership] will not depart from Judah [Jewish leaders during the dispensations of Israel and Tribulation], nor the ruler's staff from between his feet [the genetic bloodline within the Davidic dynasty] until Shiloh [שִׁילֹה (Shiloh): "to whom it belongs," i.e., Messiah's reign] comes [millennial kingdom]; the nations will obey Him. (NET)

5. The Messiah entered human history in B.C. 2 in Bethlehem, Judea, in hypostatic union. Over the next 33 years Jesus' public ministry revealed to mankind the personality that prophesy identifies as Shiloh, or the Messiah.
6. The Church Age that followed in Acts 2 introduced the dispensation of the Royal Family of God. This mystery dispensation caught Lucifer by surprise and inspired him to intensify his efforts to diminish the impact of its power.
7. The Catholic Church was the first assault on doctrine, but there were those who spun off from the dominance of Rome and began the process of uncovering truth from Scripture.
8. Among the reformers was a German, Martin Luther, who among other scholars inspired the Protestant Reformation. Luther's focus on grace occurred when he began to concentrate on Paul's statement in:



Romans 1:17 It is by the righteousness [δικαιοσύνη (*dikaíosúnē*): integrity] belonging to God that is revealed from faith response to doctrinal acquisition; as it is written in the past with the result that it remains forever, “But the righteous shall live by means of doctrine [**Habakkuk 2:4b**].”

9. From this realization emerged the Latin phrase, *sola fide*: “faith alone.” Faith alone applies to the doctrine of salvation as well as one’s response to the word of God.
10. These rebuttal arguments by the Prosecution are concluded by the sudden withdrawal of the body of Christ at the Rapture of the church, documented in 1 Thessalonians 4:14–17 and 1 Corinthians 15: 51–57.
11. It is this event that introduces Daniel’s Seventieth Week into world history which is referred to as the dispensation of the Tribulation.
12. We will not engage an in-depth study of this dispensation but will give it a respectful salute with an expanded translation from Daniel, chapter 9.
13. There is a term in this passage that can be confusing for some who do not understand Daniel’s use of the term “weeks.” It is simply the word for the unit of “seven.” Yet, it has several applications. It is the masculine noun, **שבוע** (*shavua’*): “seven.”
14. This unit can refer to the week of seven days or a unit of seven years which is also referred to in Greek as the cardinal number, **ἑπτά** (*heptá*): “seven.” The English spelling is, “heptad.”
15. As we move into the context of Daniel 9, this word will be an important part of its expanded translation.

The Expanded Translation of Daniel 9:24–27

Daniel 9:24a Seventy *shavua’*, *hepta*, or heptads of weeks [therefore 70 times 7 heptads of years i.e., 490 lunar years] have been decreed for your people and upon your holy city of Jerusalem.

NOTE: The time factor on this prophesy begins when the restoration of the city of Jerusalem is completed in 445 B.C.



Daniel 9:24b ... to finish the transgression [2d Advent terminates the fifth cycle of discipline], to make an end to sin [baptism of fire: all unbelievers removed prior to the Millennium], to make propitiatory covering over iniquity [the regathering of the Jews], and to bring in everlasting righteousness and to seal up the vision and prophecy [fulfillments of the unconditional promises to Israel, and to dedicate the Holy of Holies [the millennial temple] .

v. 25 You must know and understand by applying doctrine to experience that from the issuing of the decrees to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince [1st Advent up to His death in A.D. 33] will be 7 heptads [49 years] and 62 heptads [+ 434 years = 69 heptads times 7 = 483 years], the streets of Jerusalem will be built again and the walls shall be built again, even in times of distress.

Daniel 9:26 Then after the 62-week period has passed, Messiah will be cut off but not for Himself [to die for the sins of the world] and the people of the prince who will come [dictator of the Revived Roman Empire of the Tribulation] will destroy the city and the temple and the end of the dispensation of Israel will come like a flood [in A.D. 70] .

16. The second rebuttal argument of the Prosecution is terminated by the Rapture of the Church. The royal family is transferred to heaven where we, as human believers in resurrection bodies, become superior to angels.
17. This status is achievable in the Church Age. As witnesses for the prosecution, believers become experientially superior to angels because of their union with Christ.
18. In addition, those who live in the sophisticated spiritual life of wisdom are experientially superior to angels while functioning inside the bubble.
19. These are the invisible heroes, the **πρόμαχοι (prómachoi)**: “front rankers,” in the Lord’s phalanx, doing battle in the hostile environment of the devil’s world by laying waste to the lie because of their consistent application of doctrine.
20. These are the invisible heroes who, with doctrine, are empowered to function above the fray of *cosmos diabolicus*. While the heathen rage, mature believers lay waste to the cosmic lie undeterred by the machinations of Lucifer’s purveyors of propaganda.



21. Yet, these agents provocateurs remain willing and motivated to promote the lie which they are convinced will ultimately suppress the truth and win the showdown in the angelic conflict.

The Rebuttal Argument of the Defense: Daniel's Seventieth Week

1. The Rapture of the church occurs in two extremely short periods of time:

1 Thessalonians 4:15 We keep on saying to you for your advantage that we which are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who are asleep [**physically dead**].

v. 16 For the Lord will descend from heaven with a command, with the command of the archangel [**commanding officer, seraph rank**] and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first [**ascend upward within the first heaven**].

v. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up [**predictive future passive indicative of ἀρπάζω (*harpázō*): Paul believed the Rapture would occur in his lifetime.**] **together with them in clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

2. There are possibly those, with an extensive mathematical background, who reject the possibility that such events could occur based on the attributes of gravity. Here is a rebuttal to this otherwise irrefutable claim:

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“We know that when He appears, we will be like Him.” (1 John 3:2)

1. It does not appear unusual, Luke 24:13–32; John 20:11–16
2. It can vanish from sight, Luke 24:31
3. It can move through barriers, Matt 27:65–66 cf. 28:5–6; John 20:19, 26
4. It retains stigmata, Luke 24:39–40; John 20:20, 27 (at least for Jesus)
5. It is made of flesh and bones, Luke 24:39



- 6. It is capable of taking food, Luke 24:41–43; John 21:15
- 7. It can move through interstellar space at warp speed, Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9
- 8. It is imperishable and immortal, 1 Corinthians 15:54 cf. Philipians 3:21

- 3. Once assembled, the Lord, the elect angels, and the body of Christ exit the first heaven (the atmosphere around the earth), the second heaven (the interstellar universe), and finally into the third heaven (the eternal realms of what we refer to as “the hereafter”).
- 4. What immediately occurs next are the opening days of the Tribulation, the seven-year dispensation that fulfills the prophecy of Daniel 10:27 called, Daniel’s Seventieth Week.
- 5. What precedes this event covers world history from the creation of the original couple in Genesis 2, their subsequent fall in Genesis 3, followed by the initial witnesses for the appeal with the births of Cain and Abel.
- 6. Sides were ultimately taken when Cain murdered Abel leaving only Cain, who had just established himself as the first witness for the defense. Cain’s line continued with the initial number of witnesses mentioned in Genesis 4:16–22.
- 7. Adam had relations with his wife and the next witness for the Prosecution was Seth whose initial family tree is recorded in Genesis 5:6–32.
- 8. It was at this time that Lucifer tried to corrupt the human race. His strategy was to deploy numerous demons upon the earth with the intent of cohabiting with human women, an effort to produce a third “race” of half-human, half-angelic individuals.
- 9. These half-breeds are referred to in Genesis 6:4 as Nephilim [נְפִילִים (*Nephilim*)] : “giants.” These “giants” were actually deployed demons whose duty was to corrupt the human race so that the true humanity of Jesus Christ could not occur.
- 10. This analysis of the identity of the Nephilim resolves an issue that is found in this and other passages that use the term “giants.”



11. The Hebrew word, Nephilim, is correctly translated “giants.” However, this is simply a description of their unusually large bodies by comparison to Homo sapiens’.
12. In the King James Version, Numbers 13:33 uses the word “giants” to describe a group of individuals. The word for “giant” in that verse is also, נְפִילִים: Nephilim.
13. These two passages do refer to giants, but they have different subjects. The Genesis verse refers to demons, with the noun, Nephilim, while the Numbers verse refers to unusually large men.
14. The controversy about the translation in Genesis 6:4 is about the probability of these giants being demons. Here is how the verse reads:

Genesis 6:4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days (and also after this) when the sons of God were having sexual relations with the daughters of humankind, who gave birth to their children. They were the mighty heroes of old, the famous men. (NET)

15. There are three pertinent references in the *New English Bible’s* Translator’s Notes and Study Notes for Genesis 6:4:

This observation is parenthetical, explaining that there were Nephilim even after the flood. If all humankind, with the exception of Noah and his family, died in the flood, it is difficult to understand how the postdiluvian Nephilim could be related to the antediluvian Nephilim or how the Anakites of Canaan could be their descendants [see Numbers 13:33]. It is likely that the term Nephilim refers generally to “giants” without implying any ethnic connection between the antediluvian and the postdiluvian varieties.¹

Hebrew “and they gave birth to them.” The masculine plural suffix “them” refers to the “sons of God,” to whom the “daughters of humankind” bore children.²

¹ Genesis 6:4, *NET Bible* (Dallas; Biblical Studies Press, 2005), 19tn15.

² *Ibid*, tn17.



The Hebrew phrase translated “sons of God” (*bene-ha ’elohim*) occurs only here (Genesis 6:2, 4) and in Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7. There are three major interpretations of the phrase here. (1) In the Book of Job the phrase clearly refers to angelic beings. In Genesis 6 the “sons of God” are distinct from “humankind,” suggesting they were not human. This is consistent with the use of the phrase in Job. Since the passage speaks of these beings cohabiting with women, they must have taken physical form or possessed the bodies of men. An early Jewish tradition preserved in *1 Enoch 6-7* elaborates on this angelic revolt and even names the ringleaders.³

16. Thus, a principle that goes back to the Book of Genesis documents Lucifer’s early strategies to win the Angelic Conflict. If half-breed creatures—half-human and half-angelic—can infiltrate the human race, then the true humanity of Jesus Christ could be prevented.
17. With true humanity corrupted by the angelic cohabitation with human women, the purity of the human race would ultimately be erased and the appeal would conclude in Lucifer’s favor.
18. In order to allow the appeal to continue to its ultimate resolution, God intervened in the person of Noah and his wife and three sons. He was commanded to build an ark and fit it with all the provisions necessary to sustain them afloat for about a year.
19. In the subsequent global flood, all corrupt mankind and half-breed Nephilim were drowned. The Noachian family survived and the process of Homo sapiens providing witnesses for the Prosecution continued.
20. This situation continued throughout the dispensations of the Gentiles, Israel, Incarnation, and the Church right up to the moment of the Rapture.
21. The Tribulation takes place over about a seven-year period, beginning after the Rapture of the Church and it concludes with the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.
22. John’s prophecies in The Revelation document this dispensation in chapters 6 through 19. It is during these chapters that Lucifer makes his last stand to win the Appeal.

³ Ibid. sn 6-(1).



Phase 3: The Second Advent of Jesus Christ: The Millennium

1. The Millennium begins with a resurrected population of believers, both Jewish and Gentile in a perfect environment. Jesus Christ will rule the world with one thousand years of peace and prosperity.
2. The economic system will provide international prosperity (Psalm 72:16), a person who is 100 years old will be considered a child (Isaiah 65:20), and the world will enjoy one-thousand years of peace (Zechariah 14:9).
3. Satan and all fallen angels will be incarcerated in the Abyss for 1,000 years so that violence will come to an end. (Revelation 20:1–3)
4. Jesus Christ supersedes Satan as the ruler of this world with the title King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16)
5. When the Lord returns to the earth, He will be accompanied by His Royal Family in resurrection bodies, all riding white horses:

Revelation 19:11 Then I saw heaven opened and here came a white horse [λευκός ἵππος (*leukós híppos*)]! The one riding it was called “Faithful” and “True,” and with justice [δικαιοσύνη (*dikaiosúnē*): integrity] He judges and goes to war.

v. 12 His eyes are like a fiery flame of judgment and there are many diadem crowns [royal warrants: divine, Jewish, and military] on His head. He has a royal title written that no one knows except Himself.

v. 13 He is dressed in clothing splattered with in blood [the Armageddon campaign], and He is called the Word of God.

v. 14 The armies that are in heaven, dressed in white, clean, fine linen [material recognizing sanctification (see Revelation 17:14)], were following Him on white horses [λευκοῖς ἵπποις (*leukoís híppois*)].

v. 15 From His mouth extends a sharp sword [Principle: freedom through military victory], so that with it He can strike the nations [Gentiles, with maximum violence]. He will rule them with an iron scepter [His universal rulership in the Millennium], and He stomps the winepress [crushes the enemy] of the furious wrath of God, the All Powerful [Παντοκράτωρ (*Pantokrátōr*): The Omnipotent One].

v. 16 He has a name written on His thigh: “King of kings [Βασιλεὺς βασιλέων (*Basileús basilēōn*)] and Lords of lords [Κύριος κυρίων (*Kúrios kuríōn*)].”



6. Perfect environment was instituted in the garden in order to introduce the divine perfection of God's actions. Adam and Ishshah were His perfect creatures who were to live in this perfect environment.
7. Their fall initiated the contest that ensued. Lucifer, at that point, gained the upper hand in the Invisible War which inaugurated the Angelic Conflict that still rages between the defense and the Prosecution.
8. What has transpired since then has been primarily Lucifer's campaign to gain control of the human race, that same body of Homo sapiens from which God solicits witnesses for the Prosecution.
9. The struggle that began in Eden continues its inexorable struggle toward the climax that occurs at the Second Advent.
10. Throughout history, Lucifer has sought to propagandize humanity to join him in his efforts to control this planet. His opposition is the human race. His strategy is to propagandize as many as possible so he could acquire the advantage.
11. He really has no interest in aggrandizing the human race. Those he wins over to his side are just pawns in his campaign to get rid of the entire lot of them.
12. His strategy is to propagandize them into buying into the allurements his demon-induced humans promote for a one-world government. The more he can recruit, the closer he gets to claiming his one fine day.
13. To accomplish total control of this planet would give him control of everyone on it and then have his way with the entire population.
14. **PRINCIPLE:** What is currently transpiring globally is a power play by the Dark Side to accomplish what Lucifer has sought for millennia. The dispensations of Israel and the Church are the only intensified oppositions to the demonic strategy with their priest and client nations.
15. Both Jews and Gentiles have had their turns to give it a try, but up until the present hour, those who did so in the Levant and Western Europe have failed.
16. But now, with the advent of digital contrivances, Lucifer's agents have almost universal access to everything that happens. We are all being tracked. There is really no place to hide.

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